to eliminate child labour in hazardous occupations which is estimated at 20 lakhs. The Planning Commission has already earmarked an outlay of Rs. 34.40 crores for the year 1995-96 to enable the Government to launch the scheme in this regard. The year 2000 is the target for the elimination of child labour in hazardous occupations.

Child labour in carpet and Hazardous industries

5153. SHRI O. P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether lakhs of child labourers are engaged in the carpet manufacturing industry, diamond cutting industry and some other hazardous occupations in India;

(b) whether Government have fixed the year 2000 A.D. as the target for the elimination of child labour in all the hazardous occupations; and

(c) if so, the alternative means of earning livelihood to be provided to them since the children in India are forced to take up hazardous jobs driven by abject poverty?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) It is estimated that 20 lakhs children are engaged in hazardous occupations in the country. Separate industry wise figures are not maintained.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. The National Authority for the Elimination of Child Labour (NAECL) has been constituted under the Chairmanship of Union Labour Minister to tackle the problem of child labour. The NAECL has adopted a plan of action titled "Identification, Release and Rehabilitation of Child Labour" to tackle the problem of child labour in the country. Briefly, it calls for a convergence of services and schemes of the Central and State Governments at the implementing level the District — to effectively handle the identification and rehabilitation of child labour, the economic rehabilitation of the family with child labour and stricter enforcement of relevant laws. This plan of action has been sent to all States/ UTs for adoption.

Government is presently engaged in the process of preparing a major plan to eliminate child labour in hazardous occupations which is estimated at 20 lakhs. The Planning Commission has already earmarked an outlay of Rs. 34.40 crores for the year 1995-96 to enable the Government to launch the scheme in this regard. The year 2000 is the target for the elimination of child labour in hazardous occupations.

Trade Union representation at Copenhagen social summit

5154. SHRI K. R. MALKANI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the only trade union representative sent to the recent Copenhagen Social Summit belonged to INTUC;

(b) whether BMS is the biggest trade union in the country; and

(c) if so, on what consideration the BMS representative was not sent to Copenhagen?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) INTUC is the largest Trade Union on the basis of existing verified and notified membership of Central Trade Union Organisations in the country. The results of the latest verified membership of the Central Trade Union Organisations have not yet been finalised and notified.